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Celebrating High School Grads: Special Section Inside

Car-opening bear wreaks havoc at Drag Lake

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

Gord Woolsey and Joan Michie were just settling into an early night's rest at Woolsey's Drag Lake cottage on June 23 when, just after 9 p.m., they heard a car horn honk.

"We didn't think anything of it, there are cottages close by," said Michie. "We thought maybe it was a neighbour. And then we heard the second horn, and I thought, that doesn't sound right.'

Woolsey and Michie headed to the closed-in porch, looked out into the night, and heard their own car horn, while the

car's headlights were glowing.

Michie said several possibilities crossed her mind at the time she heard the sound of cars along their road, including raccoons, or perhaps a short in the car's electrical system, or a neighbour arriving and hitting their car alarm by mistake.

But when I looked out and saw the lights on, and then of course Gord immediately grabbed a flashlight and looked out, and then it was the noise that alarmed us," she said. "We knew something was big, and we could hear this movement

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Eye on the prize

Lauren Chisholm aims for the basket during a round of disc golf on Monday, June 15 at Head Lake Park in Haliburton. Chisholm was playing disc golf with Mitch Pynn for the first time this season. The two are relatively new players, having only started last year when they learned to play while staying in Haliburton. /DARREN LUM Staff

COVID-19 assessment centre operating at capacity

JENN WATT

Editor

Since restrictions on who can be tested for COVID-19 have been lifted, demand has swelled at the assessment centre in Haliburton, which is averaging 25 to 35 people per day, said Dr. Norm Bottum of the Haliburton Highlands Family Health

A requirement that those visiting longterm care receive a negative swab before going to see their loved ones may also be leading to the increased numbers.

"When we started, we were booking one patient every half an hour and for a while there we were actually having

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ER wait times may be longer than usual

trouble filling the day," Dr. Bottum said, "but it was all around people who had symptoms and now that they've offered asymptomatic testing [things are much busier]."

Testing is available by appointment only and in order to meet the need, paramedics and hospital staff have joined the effort. Test results take about three days to

Calling patients with test results can take more time than doing the swabs themselves, particularly for patients who came in because they have symptoms and need additional follow-up on their condition.

However, most people coming to the centre now are asymptomatic. Dr. Bottum estimated between 85 and 90 per cent of those who come in do not have symptoms.

"And [many of them] want to get in to see their loved ones in long-term care – that's huge," he said.

Restrictions on visiting long-term care were loosened by the provincial government on June 18, provided the home did not have an outbreak. Dr. Bottum said his understanding was that each long-term care facility could make its own decisions around how to protect residents and staff, but that they are all observing strict pro-

Those intending to visit a long-term care facility must test negative for COVID-19 in the two weeks prior to the visit and must continue to take precautions such as mask-wearing, hand washing and maintaining a safe physical distance from others.

In addition to the growing demand at the assessment centre, pressure on other aspects of the medical system are creating slower than usual services for patients.

Dr. Bottum said those who have non-emergency medical issues are encouraged to call their doctor rather than coming to the ER, since COVID-19 screening and cleaning protocols are increasing wait times at the hospitals

Since the walk-in clinic has also been cancelled this summer, it's important that those who do not have an emergency situation contact their health-care provider using telemedicine or videoconferencing, if they can.

"We don't know what the summer's going to hold. We don't have [classes at Haliburton School of Art + Design], we don't have the summer camps, the lodges, the volume is probably going to be less this summer, but summer's still typically a busier time," he said.

Doctor-patient visits through telemedicine or videoconferencing are being supported by the provincial government, so Dr. Bottum said most people should expect that their doctors or other primary care providers would consult with them that way.

Minor issues such as requesting a prescription refill can easily be arranged with your doctor over the phone, or by contacting the pharmacy for assistance.

In a letter to the community issued June 19, Haliburton Highlands Health Services ČEO Carolyn Plummer said that changes made to prepare HHHS for the COVID-19 threat were still in place, including the separation of the hospital and long-term care sites, reducing entry points to the facilities and screening all those who come in.

Both Haliburton and Minden emergency departments continue to take those needing emergency and urgent care, however, those who have COVID-19 symptoms should go to the Haliburton emergency department or expect to be redirected there.

To book an appointment at the COVID-19 assessment centre, you can call 705-457-1212 (press 6) during regular business hours. For information on supports in the community, including mental health supports, go to haliburtoncares.ca or call the Community Support Services response team at 705-457-2941 or text 705-457-0016 Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Our local emergency departments are easily four times busier in the summer months, accommodating our seasonal visitors. The health care staff are especially busy this summer managing the usual, while staying vigilant for coronavirus. Every single patient is screened, possibly isolated, before their reason for visiting is assessed and treated. Everything takes longer, requires more staff, more equipment, more supplies. More resources. More patience. And a constant high level of attention.

We hear people say, "The rules keep changing "I'm confused whether I'm supposed to wear a mask," and even, "Do you believe that COVID is real, or is it a

We in the front lines of health care have felt overwhelmed too. Yes, the "rules" are evolving, and we are all adapting as we learn more about this virus.

There are things you can do to reduce risk of infection in your home and community that will ease the strain on our front line health care and emergency staff. You want these vital workers supported so they can stay strong. It benefits you in your time of need to be invested in our

wellbeing every day. There is a set of rules that has consistently been shown around the world to be effective at reducing cases of COVID-19.

You should wear a mask that fits snugly over your nose and **mouth** to prevent viral transmission from your speech any time you are near anybody who is not part of your household. You should stay six feet from anyone who is not masked. Their speech may infect you if they are not masked. Be courteous and safe: wear a mask. Ask others to do the same. You should minimize your time in indoor spaces with multiple people. You should move as many activities as possible outdoors. You should wash your hands frequently. And you should stay home, stay away from even your own family members, if you feel sick. Government officials can slow the virus's spread by encouraging all of these steps as well by organizing widespread testing and contact tracing of people who are likely to have the virus.

In Haliburton County we are running an assessment centre to identify infected, and to test at-risk individuals, as well as those who are neither sick nor at risk, but who wish to be tested. Did you realize, more than half of those being tested in our centre are visitors to Haliburton? (That's a lot to ask of our finite resources.)

Remember, you want us to be healthy and strong so we can be there when you need us for your unplanned visits to the emergency department. And we need your help to reduce unnecessary risk, to be responsible and play your part in keeping the infection controlled, ensuring the safety of your families and communities.

By Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team

OPP and MNRF offer tips to be wise during bear encounters

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in the car, and then the ripping and tearing started. We could hear it and it was shifting. I panicked, I'm going to be really honest, I was scared.'

Woolsey and Michie went back into the cottage from the closed-in porch, which was just 10 feet from the car, and could hear, through an open window in the kitchen, a menagerie of sounds coming from the car: rattling around, tearing apart, ripping. "And then it came to our minds," said Michie. "When Gord finally shone the light in, I could see the bear's head in the front seat, by the mirror."

Police say several vehicles were damaged after a bear that developed the ability to open car doors broke into more than 10 of them. Officers from the Haliburton Highlands OPP were called on June 23 at about 10 p.m. about "car entries" in the Kennaway and Dudley Road area of Dysart et al, according to an OPP press release issued June 24. One of those calls came from Woolsey. While Woolsey and Michie waited for the police to arrive, they watched the trapped bear, which had somehow locked the doors of the car upon entry, as it pan-

'We could hear wiring, we could hear the ceiling in the car being ripped apart, the door panels, going from front to back," said Michie. "It would have been about half an hour in, after the police were dispatched, and then the dispatcher called back and said to Gord, you know, I have an idea, a suggestion, try your key fob. It's a Honda SUV. So it has a back hatch, a back window. So he did, he hit the key fob, and the bear got out."

After the bear had left and the police had finished their report, which included stopping in at several other residences with affected cars on the road, Michie said the threat of danger past, the pair had a good laugh. Their insurance rep laughed when they called, noting she wasn't sure how to report a car vandalized by a bear.

"It's a strange story, but it did happen," said Michie. In the morning, the damage to the car was extensive.

"The car at that point was totally torn apart inside," said Michie. "There is, when we looked the next morning in the padded dash, there is a claw or tooth mark the size of my baby finger. Where it was just scratching. The front mirror is gone. And fur, the fur is still in there. And the smell, you can always tell a bear smell and it was lingering the next day."

Michie, whose social media post informing others about the incident went viral with thousands of shares, said it was important that others knew what had hap-

pened so they could be aware.

"There was nothing in it," said Michie. "I think it's important, there was absolutely nothing in that car to attract. We don't leave anything in it. But it sure had quite a time destroying it.'

Police are requesting residents keep car doors locked and make certain there is nothing inside their vehicles that could be food for a hungry bear, according to the OPP press release.

"Many of the vehicles entered by the bear were significantly damaged," reads the report.

Residents in the area reported a bear trap has been set

in the area by the Ministry of Natural Resources and For-

If a bear poses an immediate threat to personal safety and exhibits threatening or aggressive behaviour, you should call 911 or your local police, said Maimoona Dinani, MNRF spokesperson. "Not every bear sighting is an emergency situation. If you see a bear and it is not a threat, you can report it to the Bear Wise reporting line at 1-866-514-2327. This line operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, from April to November."

with files from Jenn Watt





Unbearable damage: Gord Woolsey stands with the SUV that was destroyed by a bear that opened the door and was then trapped inside the vehicle on June 23. OPP report the bear entered 10 vehicles in the Drag Lake area over the previous nights. /Submitted photos

Avoiding bears

The OPP and MNRF would like to remind residents that black bears live in most parts of Ontario. Most human-bear encounters occur when bears are attracted by smells, so removing potential attractants will help avoid unwarranted visitors. Knowing what to do if you come across a bear, as not every bear sighting is an emergency situation - and keeping your property free of bear attractants – is being Bear Wise.

Police offered the following tips for avoiding bears

Reduce the Chances of Attracting Bears by:

- Storing garbage in bear-resistant, airtight containers inside a storage area that is not accessible to bears
- Washing garbage containers and dumpsters frequently using a strong disinfectant to reduce odours
- Putting out garbage on the morning of garbage collection not the night before
- Keeping pet food indoors
- Removing grease and food residue from barbecue grills, including the grease trap, after each use
- Putting away bird feeders until the winter months
- Turning compost regularly and keeping meat, fish or sweet foods like fruit out of your composter
- Keeping meat and fish scraps in the freezer until garbage collection day
- · Picking fruits and berries from trees as they ripen and from the

If You Encounter a Bear

- If your personal safety is at risk, call 911 or your local police
- Remain calm often the bear is just passing through, and will move on if no food source is found
- If a bear is in a tree, leave it alone and remove other people and dogs from the area

- Keep away from the bear, and do not block its exit
- Tell others of its location and warn them to keep away, and bring children and pets indoors
- If near a building or car, get inside as a precaution
- Keep dogs on leash and away from bears
- If you have a problem with a bear, call the Bear Wise line tollfree at 1-866-514-2327 for advice on how to avoid humanbear encounters during bear season (April 1 to November 30).

Tips to Avoid Encounters with Bears

- Bears have a keen sense of smell and excellent hearing however their eyesight is limited so it is important to make noise when you move through heavily wooded areas which will alert the bear to your presence.
- · Singing, whistling or talking will alert bears to your presence, giving them a chance to avoid you.
- Keep your eyes and ears open for signs of a bear like tracks, claw marks on trees or droppings.
- DO NOT wear headphones.
- · Be aware of your surroundings, especially if you are doing activities outside (i.e. hiking, jogging, cycling, gardening, berry picking or camping) where bears may not realize you are there.
- · If you are out with a dog, keep it on a leash. Uncontrolled, untrained dogs may actually lead a bear to you.

What to Do If you Spot a Bear

- Slowly back a way while keeping the bear in sight.
- If you are near a building or vehicle, get inside as precaution.
- Notify the police by calling 911 if a bear poses an immediate threat to personal safety

Persons spotting bears in the community and wanting to make a report and get advice on dealing with bears in the community are asked to call the toll-free Bear Wise Reporting line at 1-866-514-2327 (TTY 705-945-7641)







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County passes video surveillance policy

approved a video surveillance policy during their June 24 meeting, held via videoconferencing and broadcast on YouTube.

"While there are no impending video surveillance projects planned for the county, the use of video surveillance has been discussed in the past," read a report from county IT director Mike March. "As well, IT staff have received several requests from member municipalities to investigate video surveillance solutions for their use. Due to the threat of privacy breaches, improper use and collection of video etc., and the risk of liability associated with this type of surveillance, it is important that strong policies and procedures are in place before the county becomes involved in any video surveillance project."

In drafting the policy, March looked at

Its guiding principles include that data from cameras would be collected only when authorized by statute, required by law enforcement, "or when necessary to the proper administration of a lawfully authorized activity"; minimizing the amount of data that is collected; retaining data for no longer than it is required; using data only for the purpose for which is collected; taking all reasonable precautions to prevent unauthorized access to data; notifying individuals through signage that video surveillance is in use; and not disclosing data unless the disclosure is "with consent from the individuals whose personal information appears in the images; in response to a Freedom of Information request; or requested by law enforcement to aid an investigation.

March's report noted the policy

had been reviewed by law firm Ewart O'Dwver.

Algonquin Highlands Deputy Mayor and County Warden Liz Danielsen said the policy "kind of took me by surprise."

"I'm just assuming that before you would do any work in any of the member municipalities that they would be required to adopt whatever policy we finally agree on?" Danielsen said

March said that was correct.

"Ultimately, they're under no obligation to use [county] IT services in their security camera system, but if that's what you want, you want us to assist, we need to make sure there are strong policies and procedures in place before the county would assist with those projects," March

"Like you say, we're not availing ourselves of this today, but probably in one

shape or another in many of our futures said Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin. "Thank you. You've set all the tables and a very high standard for any of us that may proceed on these matters in the

"I would agree with that," said Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt. 'In Algonquin Highĺands, we've had a couple of occasions where some grumpy folks have said some things they shouldn't have said, perhaps, and got themselves in a bit of trouble. And I know that one of the requests about video surveillance has come from us."

In mid-December of last year, the Algonquin Highlands office along North Shore Road was evacuated and employees sent home after receiving threats against the township.

Chad Ingram, Staff

County council meetings to be broadcast in perpetuity

Haliburton County council will proceed with the purchase and installation of audiovisual equipment for council chambers so that when in-person meetings resume, they will be broadcast publicly on the

During a June 24 meeting, councillors heard from county IT director Mike March regarding the process. During the COVID-19 crisis, council meetings have been taking place with councillors participating remotely via online conferencing platform Zoom and the meetings broadcast to the public on YouTube.

With most of the province entering what the provincial government refers to as Stage 2 of its COVID-19 recovery process, gatherings may now consist of up to 10 people. Since county council consists of eight members (the mayors and deputy mayors of each of its four lowertier municipalities), it means that council could technically resume in-person meet-

'However, we wouldn't be able to have members of the public attend," March said, explaining that delegations from members of the public would continue to be received via Zoom.

"COVID or post-COVID, I think this evolution sets us up for the future," said Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin. "... This is a logical step and would be help-

Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts said she agreed, and noted she'd received positive feedback about Dysart et al's online meetings since they are easily accessible to the public.

Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt, who noted it was probably time for her to get over her reluctance regarding live-streaming meetings, said she was unsure about reconvening meetings at this

Councillors eventually agreed that for the time being, they would continue to

meet remotely via Zoom.
"It's all well and good when we're in the council chambers," said Minden Hills Deputy Mayor Lisa Schell, but noted that smaller common areas such as the kitchen and hallway leading to the washrooms could be trickier to navigate in terms of

maintaining appropriate physical distanc-

Two cameras will be purchased and installed in council chambers, with one camera focused on the council table and one on the podium where staff members and members of the public will make presentations once in-person delegations are able to resume. In the meantime, councillors would watch delegates on the monitors that are mounted on the walls. The cameras will be connected to computer and audio equipment that will allow for live streams to be broadcast.

The project has an upset limit of \$15,000, but March indicated he anticipated it could be done for less than \$10,000.

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by Darren Lum

Congrats, 2020 grads

THE 2020 GRADUATING class had already learned and experienced growth through

Yes, they've faced the typical challenges of high school students, and of those in a rural community with limited internet capability or public transportation, and during a time of provincial labour disruptions. But they've also studied alongside historical movements for justice. They experienced together the tragic loss of their friend, Phoenix Acero and embraced Rihab and Bayan Wiso as they joined the community from war-

torn Syria. And then, after years of pulling together, a global pandemic forced them apart.

For many of the students, they adapted to live in a way that enabled them to move forward with their plans and live their lives while doing what they could to protect our community. They finished their schooling career online.

We've been inspired and motivated by our elders, but there have always been youth to help lead change, too, including Emma Gonzalez and David Hogg from Stoneman Douglas High School, Autumn Peltier from the Wiikwemkoong First Nation and Greta Thunberg from Sweden, Malala Yousafzai, Sameer Jha, high school students leading anti-racism marches in their cities and K-Pop fans and TikTok users who have trolled Trump and helped to raise voices while crowding out racist

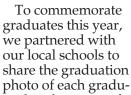
messages on Twitter.

Messages to this year's grads, including from Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and former U.S. president Barack Obama, have urged the students to go forward, fixing what they are inheriting - hopeful, but a touch daunting, too.

They don't have to do it alone. We all always have to work hard to make things better, regardless of where we are in our lives.

We trust these graduates, who have access to knowledge and information and communities around the world at their finger-

tips, to make a positive impact, but we will also stand alongside them, march alongside them and create and work alongside them knowing a better world is always pos-



ating student within the pages of this and last week's papers.

Take a moment to reflect on the photo of each graduate listed in these pages. Read their names, imagine what celebrations and trials and tribulations they might have faced in the years of study and experience they have encountered and offer them applause, a wish for a hopeful future and a promise to help to make that happen for them.

Congratulations, Class of 2020. Do good things, and celebrate that

Billie Rose

Tales from

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SPENT THE last year listening to my brain. I kept reinforcing the many reasons why I know I shouldn't get another dog. I swore after Bella died I would never go through losing another animal ever again. I made lists. My friends helped to remind me why a dog is a lot of work. I purposely didn't look at other dogs for the year. No eye contact. No petting. I ignored the flutters in my heart when people told me stories about their

dogs. I really did try. And I was convinced there would not be another dog in our family.

And then my strategy began to fall apart in February when we looked after my brotherin-law's dog, Charlee, for a week. As hard as I tried, my heart took over. I fell in love with her. I walked her three times a day, I spent the week grooming her and I took her to

friends for walking adventures. It was a beautiful winter week when the sun shined for five days and I was in heaven. Charlee is affectionate, friendly and content and I was so happy having her in our house. I am a happier person when I have a dog in my life. It's just the way I am wired. My heart was wide open! I remembered all the reasons why I am a good dog owner, why I love dogs and my heart won over my brain!

The search for a puppy began. Well, first I had to convince my husband and of course my daughter was already on my side and she started researching right away. It took us a while, and we had a few

challenges but on May 5, Madeline and I drove to pick up our eightweek-old golden retriever who we named Billie Rose. As I write this article she is now 15 weeks old and I am so in love with her, and she is a lot of work.

We've had two golden puppies in the last 25 years and yet I seemed to have forgotten about the early mornings, the constant chewing because of the puppy teeth, the house training, and the general

training that takes a lot of time and effort. But it is all OK. Billie is totally worth it. My family is completely on board and because of the pandemic we have the extra time to spend with her.

I was nervous about our kitty, Luna, and how she would respond to the new puppy but I needn't have worried. Within a week they were best buddies and spend their

days chasing each other around the house and boxing with their paws. Both animals bring a lot of energy, delight, laughter and silliness into our home. I walk more again. I am outside more. Already we have lots of stories about them. There is a balance between listening to your brain, which tends to be more logical, and your heart, which tends to be more emotional. We need both of these centres of intelligence in us to live a full life. I've always been the kind of girl to follow my heart and now I'll spend many years following Billie through the woods, down the trails and on many adventures. She is the sweetest puppy ever.



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THINK WE ALL understand that it is too easy to make a promise and sometimes very difficult to keep one. A good example of this occurred on the weekend when I promised Jenn that between Saturday morning and Sunday night, I would mop the kitchen floor.

Believe me, my intentions were good.

But – as always happens when there is a lawn to be mowed, a dump run to be made, dishes to be done, leaves to be raked, a driveway to be shovelled, or a floor to be mopped – life somehow got in the way.

This time it did so in the form of training and/or walking my puppy, having two or three much-needed naps because I trained and/or walked the puppy, going fishing because it was the opening weekend of bass season, cleaning and cooking the bass we were having for dinner, shooting my bow, clipping my nails, washing my hair, sitting outside and watching the birds, taking photos of but-



steve galea terflies and dragonflies, and reading a book about dog training. Between all this, I was contemplating whether I should grow my goatee in the style of General Custer, Sigmund Freud or a grizzled old Norse seafarer.

As you can see, these important things left me no time for mopping the kitchen floor.

Unfortunately, just as life gets in the way to save your bacon on occasion, fate also has a way of stepping in because it cannot mind its own @#\$%! business.

For example, this morning fate made me spill a full cup of coffee on the kitchen floor.

A lot of people might blame themselves for being clumsy or for not paying attention, but I knew better. I wouldn't do either of those things. This was definitely fate rearing its ugly little head.

And thanks to fate, I had to break out the mop, bucket and cleaner, put up the kitchen chairs and clean the coffee I spilled all over the kitchen floor.

By the way, during this ordeal I made a few observations that I think the scientific community should investigate further. First off, why does a cup of coffee transform into a gallon of coffee as soon as it leaves the cup and hits the kitchen floor? Also, if waste not, want not is so darn admirable, why is it so wrong to reach for a straw rather than a mop and bucket at first? I'm asking for a friend.

In any case, the long and short of it is this: I got out the mop and bucket and fulfilled the promise I made, albeit a little late and at far too high a price. (That was my first coffee of the morning.)

Before long, I had stopped grumbling, which is what you naturally do after you mop yourself into a corner and need to figure out what to do next. This, by the way, is not an easy thing when you are going through caffeine withdrawals. Nevertheless, when it was all over, our kitchen floor was cleaner than it had been in a while and, with the exception of a mysterious string of footprints that originated in the corner, unmarred.

I will admit that it felt good to finally get around to keeping my promise. For it made Jenn very happy.

In fact, she was so grateful that she told me to sit down in the living room. And then she brought me a very full cup of coffee and let the puppy loose.



pic of the past

gricultural photos are a rare commodity in Haliburton. This image from the Haliburton Highlands Museum shows Arthur Batchelor, the former municipal clerk (without the hat) for Dysart et al, with a few associates stumping a field with horse-power. This image likely dates to shortly before 1920. Don't forget you can still buy a copy of the museum's beautiful coffee table book of historic photos.

letters to the editor

Uneven enforcement of cemetery rules

To the Editor,

Re: "Cemetery rules changing following mother's social media post," Haliburton Echo, June 23
We went to Evergreen Cemetery last week to

pay our respects to parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins. After walking around we observed at least five small garden decorated plots and numerous mementos on graves including pictures, baseballs, a cap, beer bottles and some faded Christmas wreaths.

We wonder why the Acero grave décor was questioned in a confrontational she said/they said manner. It would appear that gender and racial sensitivity need to be included in employee education as well as how to approach the bereaved.

Standards need to be evenly enforced. Revisiting the bylaws is a good move for council. The Echo and the Highlander are to be commended for their coverage of this issue.

Bill and Maura Archer

Wear a mask when you're out

To the Editor,

It has become abundantly clear that the most effective, positive, immediate efforts the general public can make to help stem the spread of the COVID-19 virus are: wash your hands, respect social distancing outside of your household "bubble" and ... wear a mask. Yet we still see so many people out and about in circumstances that don't easily permit a six-foot perimeter, not wearing a mask. What part of this do people not get? Perhaps the "recommendation" to wear a mask is not strong enough. Seat belts are not a recommendation, nor are speed limits or "no smoking" regulations. Everyone has seen a "no shirt, no shoes ... no service" sign. Perhaps the directive needs to be better understood by all. "Everyone on these premises must wear a mask. This includes customers and staff." Period!

> Sean Pennylegion Haliburton

Hole in one at Blairhampton club

Congratulations to the following golfers who each got a hole-in-one at the Blairhampton Golf Club.

Norm Barry got a double eagle, known as an albatross, on the 13th hole, par 5 on June 4.

Doug Campbell got a hole in one on the 173 yard par 3 at the 17th hole using an eight-iron on June 23. Campbell has been golfing at the Blairhampton club for a long time. Although he moved to Bobcaygeon, he still comes to golf with his friends in the Highlands.

Echo bids adieu to co-op student

Our thanks to Zachary Roman who completed his co-op with the *Haliburton Echo* and Minden Times last week. As our readers can attest, Zach hit the ground running, producing thought-provoking work during his short time at the papers. We are wishing him all the best in his next semester at Ryerson University, where he is studying journalism. You can follow him online @roman_reports on Twitter.

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Graduates

Principal's Address

The following is an excerpt of the princi-

pal's address to graduates.
Graduates, you will soon walk across this stage and will accept one of the most important documents you may ever receive: your high school diploma. After four or five years of high school, we celebrate your achievements and to witness you being honoured.

I know that I speak on behalf of this entire school community when I say that I am very proud of this graduating class. Your friends, families and loved ones are likely watching with pride today, sharing this moment with you, while others are not with us this evening to celebrate the close of a chapter in your lives and to share in the beginning of new opportunities and adventures.

I know some of your parents and other family members are graduates of Hal High themselves. The pride and tradition of this great school will continue with the success of its graduates. You too will soon become Red Hawk Alumni! Be humble, be proud, and be passionate. We know that you will model our credo of respect, commitment and responsibility each and every day.

Haliburton County has yet again impressed me with the breadth and depth of its support for our graduates each year.

This year is no exception even in these unprecedented times. All sectors of Haliburton County have given generously to recognize our graduates and to assist them in pursuing post-secondary education and other future pursuits. On behalf of the graduates, staff and parents, I wish to thank every organization, business and individual who have contributed funds to our successful students. The spirit of the saying "it takes a village to raise a child" is exemplified by these generous actions.

Members of our Hal High village will

be leaving us at the end of the year. Ms. Cannon – we wish you the very best as you venture off to Huntsville High School. Thank you for your commitment to students, our library learning commons redesign, and to reading. We will miss you. To Mr Zondervan: after a long career of titrations and balancing chemical reactions, may you enjoy every moment of your well-deserved retirement and for expecting the best from our students. Finally, Mr. Waito. Thank you for your years of teaching, dedication to students and their well-being, unwavering leadership and most importantly, your friendship. All the best to you as you begin your principalship at JDH!

But graduates, this is a special time for all of you. The time and work that you have invested at HHSS will provide you with the foundation necessary to encounter new learning opportunities. The friendships you have made will also be invaluable to you. Some of these friendships will last; others will change as you begin the next phase of your journey.

I know that your parents, families, friends or loved ones have all played integral roles in supporting you over the years. Be sure to thank these key people this evening for without them, some obstacles would have seemed impossible

This year has been a year filled with challenges on a number of levels. From labour disruptions, bus cancellations, shortened sports seasons, a global pandemic and most recently and most sadly, social injustices. In normal times, we would be asking you to find the silver lining even in these darkest of times. But this ask would be unfair at the moment. Regardless of our resilience. A better ask would be for you to be change agents in our world. This graduating class exemplifies strength, resolve, determination, empathy and voice. It is abundantly clear that for all of us to navigate out of these times of darkness, sadness and worry, we will need to lean on our youth. For you to right the wrongs, to put an end to social injustices, to bring us hope and happiness. While these are big requests, we are convinced you will deliver!

Now, graduates, we look upon you

This graduating class exemplifies strength, resolve, determination, empathy and voice.

- Chris Boulay

proudly, the newest class of HHSS alumni. We wish you productive, happy futures. Celebrate your accomplishments. In the world of Instagram, Facebook, Snapchat filters and memes, leave your impression in this world. I am confident that you will leave your marks in the world. Do good, be strong, be a difference maker. We need you to be more

Graduates, go safely, walk proudly because you have earned the privilege of joining the ranks of graduates of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

Thank you. Merci. Niawen. Chris Boulay, Principal



James Alexander



Hailey Anderson

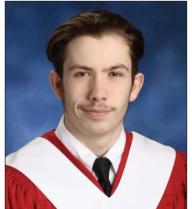




Jocelyn Babineau



Brady Baldry





Brooke Billings



Paige Billings



Alyssa Bogardis



Storm Brannigan





The future is yours, graduates!

We wish you health, happiness and success today and always.



Class of 2020







Hailey Brisco







Ellie Burden



Morgan Burke







Elijah Campbell



Emma Casey



Hunter Chapple



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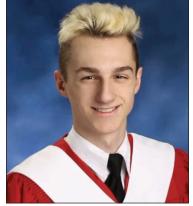


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Nicholas Graham







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Ryan Hall



Jamie Holden



Bluma Holtzman



Krystin Hope



Dawson Hutchings



Wyatt Hutchings



Jessica Jones



Abigail Kauffeldt



Grace Kim

Valedictorian's Address

The following is an abridged version of the valedictorian's address.

Thank you parents, teachers, friends, and mentors who have walked alongside each of the graduates and invested in us so we could make it here today. I believe that I speak for all the graduating students of 2020 in saying thank you to all of our peers for journeying with us all the way to this graduation day. We take a moment to remember those that we wish could be here with us today, but tragically are not. We miss you.

As with any journey, before you know where you're going or how you will get there, you need to look back and learn from your experiences along the way. For the last four years, HHSS has been our home away from home. In Grade 9, the lockers were huge, Grade 12s were huge, the gym was huge, the caf was huge, and the whole school was huge and intimidating. We had our first high school classes, our first dances, first year playing big kid sports, first time experiencing shop classes, drama class, gym uniforms, and new faces from other public schools. We enjoyed our first spirit days and pep rallies. Although we were the new kids who were intimidated by basically everything, we learned to overcome our apprehensions and find joy in the new things we

İn Grade 10, we felt a bit bigger, we were settling in with both our old and new friends, we actually knew where our classes were, and began to feel a bit more at home. Thank goodness for our Grade 9 selves persevering! Now we were the "big kids" of the junior students. We began to be leaders. We joined clubs, tried more sports, and became more comfortable with the concept of semestered learning.

Grade 11 was when it started getting tricky. Expectations in academic performance were raised, people were starting to plan their next steps after high school, and we were given more responsibility to lead and set an example for the younger students. After three years, we got into the rhythm of what it meant to be a student at Hal High. It was our turn to help plan and run the pep rallies, and encourage the jun-

cially as Grade 12 arrived and we felt like we needed to know NOW. Through all the stress of studying hard for tests, big assignments, and managing our work load, we matured and had fun in the process. We got to know each other as young adults and became a community through sports, classes, spares, and clubs.

We were link leaders, teammates on our various sports teams, going to qualifiers, Kawarthas, COSSAs and OFSAAs, co planners and members in clubs and committees, and castmates in many shows like Mamma Mia, Clue, and The Breakfast Club. Each person found what brought them joy whether that was being in a play, being on a team, running various school activities, creating something in tech or art, or even chicken finger Fridays. But seriously, we also gained enjoyment from celebrating others in their success, class life, and form-

ing lifelong relationships. Throughout our years here, we have experienced stress and hard work, but in these times, we were also able to find joy. Joy even when we were small, scared and intimidated. Yes, these challenges bring us fear, apathy, sadness, and even anger as a first response, but it's how you choose after this initial response that counts. By embracing the challenges and the joy that comes with persevering, we have learned how to be resilient and display grit in chal-

Living life with joy is something that we choose. I witnessed abundant joy during my trip to Bogota, Colombia that supports this bold statement. The children I met there lived in tiny shacks with no money for shoes or school and food was frequently scarce, but I have never seen such big smiles and such bright eyes. Despite their circumstances, they chose to have a bright outlook on the future. Even though this is not the graduation experience we envisioned, like the children I met, we can decide how to respond. During our time at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, I have seen many positive responses to all the challenges that we faced. It is because of this choice of mindset made by each of you, we are here today to celebrate.

With these experiences of joy, resilience, and grit, we are putting the lessons learned into practice now. I wanted to highlight what a different year this has been for us and how much I know we have all learned from it. There has been much uncertainty throughout the entirety of the year. From this, I saw first hand from my peers the power of adapting for your own benefit and that of others and choosing joy. I learned these things by watching and being encouraged by my fellow graduates who chose to see the good things in these challenging situations. As young adults, we are facing some significant challenges right now, but I'm so proud and inspired to see the strength, the decision to "choose joy," and the amazing adaptability being put into action by my fellow classmates. It has been especially

ior students to try all the new things. Yes, future planning was scary, espe-

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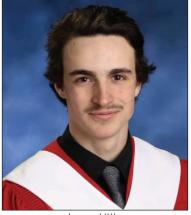
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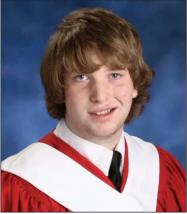
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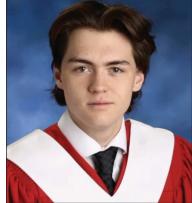
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apparent and inspiring as I watch us finish our final year of high school in circumstances that no other graduating class has ever had to face. Even though these times have been difficult and challenging, I have heard from many of you about the ways you have been finding joy and bettering yourselves and others. Many of you have spent your time earning money, enjoying family time, passing the next level of your video game, exercising, taking advantage of the warm weather, perfecting homemade banana bread (feel free to drop it off at my house), taking the opportunity to see needs around the community and volunteering time to help meet those needs, and rest... Lots and lots of rest. Seeing this has been motivating for many of us to do the same. I wanted to thank you all for your constant smiles and joy through this time, although there has been so much change.

In the future, we will run into both exciting and challenging situations. In these times, remember joy is a choice. Henri J.M. Nouwen once said, "Joy does not simply happen to us. We have to choose joy and

keep choosing it every day." In life, it is important to see good, find good, and choose to make things good. In life, joy is needed to succeed and feel fulfilled. What does this mean practically? It's not just a statement. Your determination needs to be backed up by action. These actions could be anything from a kind gesture, volunteering with community organizations or just making a situation more fun with enthusiasm. The choice of joy and positive adaptation is not only to be displayed during a global pandemic and all the other challenging things going on right now. This should be an everyday pursuit that will benefit your future and your overall spirit. In the words of Yesenia Chavan, "As you experience joy, you attract health, finances, abundance and a slew of other wonderful things into your life."

If you choose to be joyful, there is a good chance that people will be drawn to you, you will influence culture in a positive way, and you will be a leader to those around you, as well as being someone that people find easy to approach.

My fellow graduates, our experiences at Hali-burton Highlands Secondary School have made us resilient, gritty, and joyful. Whether you are going on to university, college, an apprenticeship, a victory lap, or a job, there will be struggles and changes in plans, but because of your joy and resilience that you witnessed and practiced at Hal High, I am confident you will go on to be joyful leaders wherever you are. Whether this is in a classroom, on a sports field, in a hospital, day care, on a construction site, or in a kitchen, you can thrive when vou choose to be joyful, and to help others find joy. As we reflect and learn from our past, and practice in the present, we will thrive in our future. Again, congratulations to all my friends and fellow graduates of the class of 2020 on your accomplishments. I know you will do great things.

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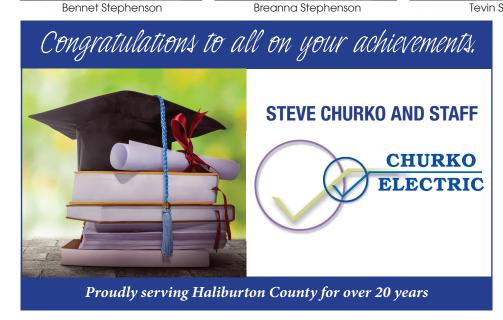
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Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Graduates







Class of 2020







Paul Turner



Billy Walker



Cody Wessell



Codie Wilkinson



Dawson Wilson



Destiny Wilson-Wells





Absent for photos: Lane Brohm Alexis Milley Michael Stephen Jocelyn Barr Bayan Wiso Rihab Wiso



Words of wisdom and advice for the graduates

Residents at Extendicare and Highland Wood share their words of wisdom and advice with the graduating class of 2020.















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Graduates and Awards 2020



Jonathan Jewell





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Principal's Message

Congratulations graduates! This is a time to celebrate your accomplishments with your families and friends, even though you may not be able to physically be with them all.

This is the day that many of you have been waiting for a very long time! For some of you, you've been just waiting to get out of school and get on with your life. For some of you, you have returned to school after many years away and you have now accomplished what you set out to do – you are now a high school graduate! For others, high school graduation is just the next step in your educational journey and you're heading off to college, apprenticeship training, or university to prepare for the career that you want to pursue.

For all of you though, you now have a high school diploma! Use it. Take advantage of what it offers because you have earned it. Statistics show that your high school diploma is your passport to better jobs and higher earnings. It's not a guarantee, but it

will always be a help.

I hope that you have had many good experiences during your time at the AAEC and that you have developed some lasting friendships along the way. Take a moment to think about the people who have helped through difficult times and encouraged you to persevere when you may have wanted to give up. These may be your teachers, your friends and for many of you, your family members. Please take the time to thank those who have helped you to get to this point today

I know that I speak for your teachers, your superintendents and trustees, and for myself when I say that I am very disappointed that I cannot share this special day with you in person. I truly wanted to welcome you to the stage, to shake your hand and to personally congratulate you on your accomplishments. Congratulations to each of you and may you find success and happiness in the years ahead!

Shelly Duben, Principal (Acting) of Adult and Alternate Education Muskoka Education Centre

Staff message

It has been an honour to work with all of you this year. For much of the year we spent time building our school community through our mutual respect of others, our love of food, and our commitment to learning. There has never been a time when we are so aware of each other and the community. Every person has had people in their lives to help and support them through the difficult times; especially the times when we aren't sure what is next or what we need. With the pandemic and the focus on discrimination in our society, we are even more aware of how we affect each other and effect change. The graduates today are experiencing new and changing times. Even through your last few months of

your academic life with us, you have had to change and adapt to a new and different world. And you did it! You accomplished so much more than many people your age have done before you. Already you are a star! Keep the feeling and more importantly, KNOW you are capable and worthy, and ready for your future.

To the many of our cross-enrolled graduates that we have worked with, it matters not what stage you walk across, only that you got there.

Good luck to all the 2020 graduates; the best is

Lori Sargent (and fellow staff), Administrative Head/ Teacher, Haliburton Adult and Alternate Education

List of Graduates: Jocelyn Barr Jocelyn Babineau Liya ElGazzar Dawson Hutchings Jonathan Jewell Reece Kift Mackenzie Ladesic Dante MacArthur D. Morton

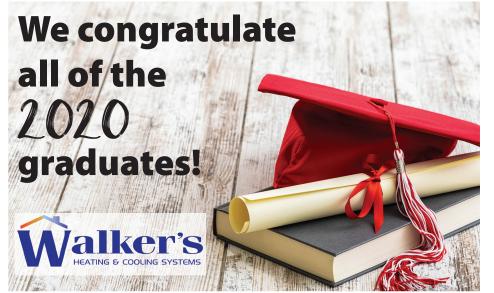
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Awards:

Kilina Rogers Joshua Rewa Award of Distinction Bayan Wiso, Principal's Award D. Morton Post Secondary Award Jonathan Jewell Co-operative Education Award Samantha Pamplin Community Art Award Reece Kift Academic Award





HHSS Honours and Awards 2020

Award Recipients

James Alexander, Rebecca Archibald, Jocelyn Babineau, Alyssa Bogardis, Storm Brannigan, Melissa Brinkos, Hailey Brisco, Lane Brohm, Morgan Burke, Jessica Byers, Elijah Campbell, Emma Casey, Benjamin Domerchie, Monique Dulong, Ethan Gohm, Nicholas Graham, Trista Greer, Abigail Kauffeldt, Grace Kim, Isaac Little, Austin Morris, Erik Morrison, Charlotte Paton, Braeden Robinson, Brayden Rodgers, Bianca Salaris, Siddhi Shah Jürgen Shantz, Alex Sharp, Nigel Smith, Tevin Sullivan, Mackenzie Tidey, Codie Wilkinson, Destiny Wilson-Wells, Jacob Wood

Perfect Attendance

Charlotte Paton

School Letters

Rebecca Archibald, Melissa Brinkos, Jessica Byers, Charlotte Paton, Bianca Salaris, Nigel Smith

Governor General's Academic Medal

Charlotte Paton

Lieutenant Governor's **Award For Community** Service

Bianca Salaris

Specialist High Skills Major

Hospitality and **Tourism**

Destiny Wilson-Wells

Environment

Quintin Beaver, Ethan Gohm, Bluma Holtzman, Stuart Lockwood, Jack Morrison, Jonathan Robertson, Alex Sharp,

Extended French Certificate

James Alexander, Rebecca Archibald, Jessica Byers, Chase Cook, Monique Dulong, Lena Haase, Jacob Mitchell, Bianca Salaris, Ania Smolen, Finn Tentrees, Mackenzie Tidey, Paul Turner

Technological Education Certificate

Awarded to students who have pursued a concentrated study in technology by completing a minimum of five (5) credits in Technology Education.

Brady Baldry, Emma Brohm, Kevin Bunn, Hunter Chapple, Tyson Cole-Duff, George Devolin, Ethan Glecoff, Ethan Gohm, Nicholas Graham, Jamie Holden, Wyatt Hutchings, Mitchell Lloyd, Emily Mathers, Jordan Meharrie, Jack Morrison, Evan Natale, Jonathan Robertson, Braeden Robinson, Samual Rowden, Carter Russell-Bull, Alex Sharp, Braeden Sharp, Michael Stephen, Bennet Stephenson, Michal Swiezawski, Cody Wessell, Dawson Wilson, Jacob Wood

Honour Society

Rebecca Archibald, Storm Brannigan, Melissa Brinkos, Hailey Brisco, Jessica Byers, Benjamin Domerchie, Monique Dulong, Trista Greer, Abigail Kauffeldt, Benn MacNaull, Jonas Moghini, Erik Morrison, Charlotte Paton, Bianca Salaris, Nigel Smith, Mackenzie Tidey, Codie Wilkinson

To be eligible for Honour Roll you must have an average of 80 per cent or higher in your top six senior courses taken in your graduating year (they do not all have to be Grade 12 courses). If you have achieved Honours in all four years at HHSS, you become a member of the Honour Society. To be eligible for Ontario Scholar you must have an average of 80 per cent or higher in your top six Grade 12 courses, no matter what year they are taken in.

Valedictorian

Rebecca Archibald

Awards And **Scholarships**

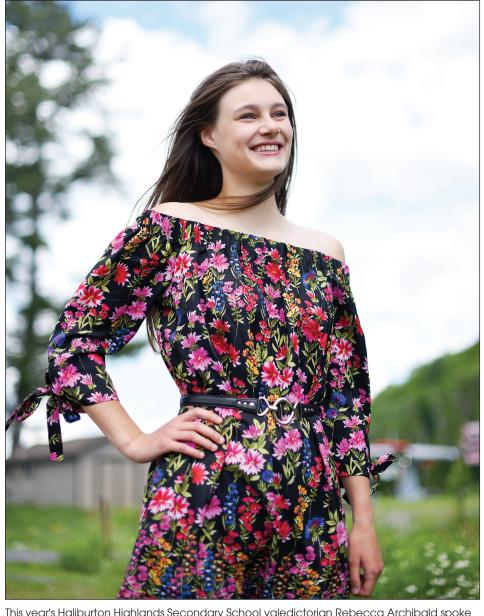
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This year's Haliburton Highlands Secondary School valedictorian Rebecca Archibald spoke about making a conscious effort to be joyful, during her speech recorded for the virtual ceremony posted to YouTube. /DARREN LUM Staff

C. Jean Levis Memorial Award For **Mathematics Donor: The Levis Family**

Recipient: Rebecca Archibald

Canadian Parents For French - Core French Award Donor: Canadian Parents For French, Haliburton Chapter Recipient: Isaac Little

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Recipient: Rebecca Archibald

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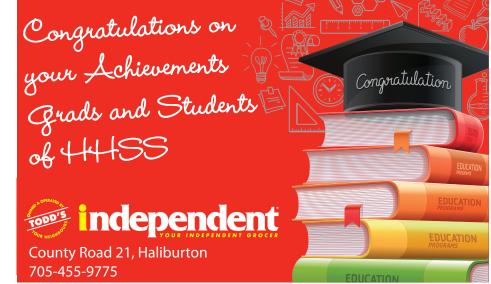
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Haliburton Highlands Secondary School graduate Charlotte Paton is this year's Governor General's Academic Medal winner. Paton, who also finished with perfect attendance, earned the medal for achieving the highest academic standing in the graduating class. /DARREN LUM Staff

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Gary G. Brohman Award For Student Leadership (Female) Donor: Gary Brohman

Recipient: Hailey Brisco

Gloria Lemieux Award Donor: Estate Of The Late Gloria Lemieux Recipients: Abigail Kauffeldt, Erik Morrison, Grace Kim, Trista Greer

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Haliburton County Road Supervisors' Association Mathematics Award Donor: Haliburton County Road Supervisors' Association Recipients: Abigail Kauffeldt and Storm Brannigan

Haliburton Highlands Museum History Award Donor: Haliburton Highlands Museum Recipient: Austin Morris

Haliburton Legion Award Donor: Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 129 Recipient: Nigel Smith











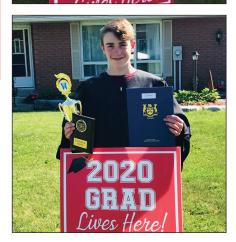
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Joan and Fred Chapple stand beside Haliburton Highlands Secondary School graduate George Devolin, taking photos of loved ones following the stage crossing on Thursday, June 25 at the school in Haliburton./DARREN LUM Staff

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Congratulations to all!



Graduates of 2020

Words of wisdom and advice for the graduates

Residents at Extendicare, Highland Wood and Hyland Crest share their words of wisdom and advice with the graduating class of 2020.



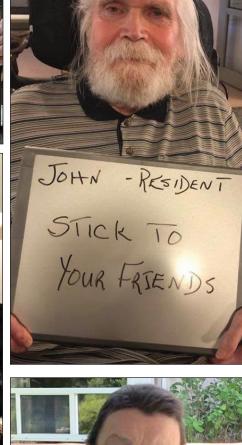
























Library patrons access books curbside

Anne-Marie Borthwick looks through her bag of borrowed materials at the Dysart branch of the Haliburton County Public Library on June 25. She was the first person to use the new curbside pickup service. The library had 18 people scheduled to pick up materials on the first day, which they called a trial run. Dysart's branch is currently the only location to offer curbside pickup. Materials are quarantined for 72 hours after use. It is hoped that the Minden branch will be the next to offer by-appointment curbside pickup. HCPL no longer charges fines for overdue materials. At this time, book club sets are not available. You can reserve books online at haliburtonlibrary.ca, by calling 705-457-2241, or by emailing info@haliburtonlibrary.ca. /DARREN

Museum to reopen in modified fashion

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed during a June 23 meeting of Dysart et

Beginning this week, the Haliburton Highlands Museum will be open by

appointment.
"Under the Stage 2 guidelines for reopening the province, museums are permitted to start to look at reopening," museum director Kate Butler told coun-

Families and groups within their social bubbles are asked to call the museum to book a time to visit, and physical distancing and other COVID-19-related safety protocols will be in place.

"So, we're taking it slowly, and all the precautions will be in place, but it is a step towards getting back to everything being fully up and operational," Butler said.

The museum has been closed to the public for more than three months amid the COVID-19 pandemic, but has been keeping residents engaged with local history via social media.

Welcome to My Ward

An initiative from Dysart et al's COVID-19 recovery committee will see councillors promoting their wards in weeklong campaigns, as part of trying to get the municipality's economy back up

The recovery committee has met a few times, dealing with issues such as the opening of temporary, expanded patios for local restaurants, as permitted under provincial guidelines.

"We're also looking at a new summer promotion that I'm going to spring on councillors here this morning," said Deputy Mayor Pat Kennedy, who sits on the committee. "It's called Welcome to My Ward, and we believe it's an important tool that we can use this summer to highlight the five wards within the Municipality of Dysart, and our councillors will act as ambassadors for that week . . . a weeklong celebration highlighting businesses in each of the wards, points of interest, boat launches, parks, that type of thing."

Ward 5 will be highlighted first, by

Councillor Walt McKechnie.

'We're hoping that will run the five weeks, and if it's successful, we'll do it twice this summer," Kennedy said.

Canine bylaw passed

Councillors passed an updated canine bylaw for the municipality. Two major changes are the removal of the requirement for residents to purchase dog tags and register with the municipality, and the addition of a provision that allows the municipality to issue muzzle orders for dogs that are deemed dangerous.

Assessing COVID-19 costs

Dysart et al staff are preparing a review that will include a six-month projection of how COVID-19 has impacted the municipality's finances. Based on those projections, council will make decisions about possible project delays, etc. "We may have to wait and see how big the hit is to our revenue side, and make that decision," Mayor Andrea Roberts said. "And that's why all department heads are being asked to look at how COVID-19 has affected their [departmental budgets]."

Mayor shares message for summer 2020

The following is a letter to the public from Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts.

The summer of 2020 is officially here and we have been enjoying some lovely weather. We have been living with the COVID-19 pandemic for over three months. Everyone has had to make changes to the way we live and work.

I want to thank all our health-care workers as well as those who support the vulnerable people in our community. You have risen to the challenge and we are truly grateful.

As we head into this summer, we know many will be enjoying their cottage properties more than ever. We will also see many renters coming here as the shortterm rentals were permitted by the province. The message I sent out early May asked that people bring the supplies that they needed. Now that we are in phase 2, that message has changed. Our local businesses are ready for the summer season and we want people to come to Haliburton, West Guilford, Eagle Lake, Fort Irwin, and Harcourt for food, clothing, gifts, hardware and other items. Order take out from a restaurant, or better yet, make a reservation to sit on their patio.

Our recovery task force will be kick ing off a campaign called "Welcome to My Ward," which will feature each of the five wards in Dysart. Each councillor will introduce things to do and places to visit in their area, such as beaches, boat launches, some businesses and places of interest. This summer, why not explore all the wonderful things we have to offer right here in Dysart!

The most important thing to remember is that we are not out of the woods. COVID-19 is still a very dangerous virus. I ask that you wear a mask when shopping or in an area where you can't be sixfeet apart. Be sure to wash your hands before and after you enter a store. Make an appointment to get tested if you feel you have any symptoms.

We are blessed to live and cottage in such a beautiful, safe place. Enjoy your summer, visit with your friends, family and neighbours, and support the local businesses and community organizations. I wish everyone a safe and healthy summer of 2020!

Andrea Roberts Mayor, Municipality of Dysart et al

Abbey Gardens offering day programs

Discovery programs at Abbey Gardens for ages four to 14 are being offered for half-days in four-day session this sum-

The Lil' Buds discovery program is for five- and six-year-olds to have fun while getting to know their "wild" backyard by using their senses. The program is being offered July 14 to 17 and Aug. 18 to 21.

The Outdoor Kids discovery program is for children from seven to 10 and explores the natural world through exploratory

hikes, eco-activities and crafts. It's running from July 28 to 31 and Aug. 4 to 7.

The Taking the Reins program offers on-ground horsemanship with outdoor leadership skills for youth from 11 to 14 years old and is offered from Aug. 11 to

More information and registration can be done by contacting Irene Heaven at irene@abbeygardens.ca or calling 705-754-

Mills moves to vice-principal role at HHSS

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

Twenty years after graduating high school at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, Jennifer Mills is returning – this time, as vice-principal.

Mills has taught in schools in Haliburton County since starting to supply teach at both elementary and secondary schools in the area after teachers college. Throughout her career thus far, she has taught almost every grade, most of her time spent in Grades 7 and 8, and most of her years teaching at Archie Stouffer Ele-mentary School. For the past two years, she has been an instructional coach and a teaching and learning coach, working with educators and students in area schools. Now, she is excited to be returning to HHSS, having the opportunity to focus on high school.

"When I started my career, I thought that high school was where I wanted to teach, however, jobs took me elsewhere and I am so grateful for the opportunities I have had in the elementary panel," she said. "I am not only looking forward to bringing my experience and knowledge to the role of vice-principal, but also to learning from my new colleagues. I am thrilled to have the opportunity to work with the amazing staff and be a part of all the great things happening at HHSS."

Mills graduated from HHSS in 2000. "It's an interesting feeling to be going back," she said. "I know that things have changed since I was a student, however, the school spirit and pride are still the cipal role in a familiar place and see the changes that continue to be made."

HHSS is the school Mills's mom, Debbie Wales, started teaching at when she moved to Haliburton County in 1976. "My mom started teaching at HHSS a long time ago and then moved to elementary to continue to teach and eventually transition into administration," said Mills. "She is very proud of me and excited to see me continue along her same career path. Even though things have changed spectives and have her see me continue my journey in a place where she started."

Mills praised both the "amazing educators" and relationships built with students as having been the highlights of her career in education thus far.

"I continue to be amazed by and excited to be a part of all the great things hap-pening in our schools," she said. Mills replaces David Waito in the position, while he moves to J.Douglas Hodgson Elementary School to take

on the principal position after Andrea Borysiuk's retirement this month. "Even though we don't know what September is going to look like due to COVID-19, I can't wait to get to know the staff and students at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School," said Mills. "I am really looking forward to starting this new chapter of my career at such an amazing and welcoming school.

Challenging year ahead for new director of education

JENN WATT

Editor

As of Aug. 1, Trillium Lakelands District School Board will have a change in leadership, with Wesley Hahn taking over as director of education from Larry Hope, who is retiring.

The school board's trustees voted unanimously to appoint Hahn to the position during a special meeting on June 25.

Bruce Reain, chair of the board of trustees, said they were delighted to have Hahn join the team "and we know he is going to be a good fit for our TLDSB fam-

Hahn was most recently a superintendent at the District School Board of Niagara, a position that followed a career in education including time at the Toronto District School Board and Hamilton Wentworth District School Board.

Hahn said he was excited to be joining TLDSB, saying it has "an excellent reputation in the province."

In a press release issued on the day of Hahn's appointment, the new director of education is quoted as saying people come first.

'Engaging others through respectful dialogue and active listening builds positive relationships and trust," he said. "I am looking forward to engaging with all TLDSB stakeholders.

Hahn has a challenging first year ahead of him; it is still not known what school will look like in the fall. Minister of Education Stephen Lecce issued a letter to parents last week outlining three potential scenarios: a return to the status quo; continuation of the current distance/online

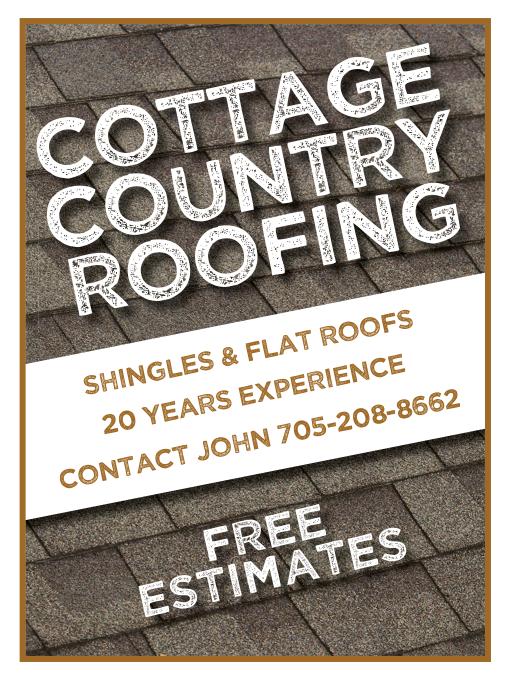
learning; or a blended system.

Lecce's letter said that all of Ontario's school boards have been asked to plan for each possible outcome, which will depend on where the province is at with

the pandemic in two months' time.
"We hope that the public health situation will continue to improve and allow school boards to enter a conventional classroom experience, once it is safe to do so," the letter states. "Local and regional health authorities – in conjunction with a Ministry of Education established table of medical experts – will help shape the way forward, to ensure the realities on the ground within your communities are best

Funding for mental health supports, additional custodial staff, and new technology for school boards was outlined in









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Heat Bank scores donation from HHSS students

Red Hawks boys hockey coach Jason Morissette passes over a \$433.36 cheque on behalf of the sports team, the school's student athletic council and the leadership class to Tina Jackson, co-ordinator for Heat Bank Haliburton County on Tuesday, June 23 at the A.J. LaRue Arena. The money was raised from the Bringing the Heat Hawks home opener event held in November of last year, which was part of a student effort for social change and included the team spending a different day, stacking and sorting wood for the Heat Bank at Abbey Gardens. Jackson said the Heat Bank will use the money to provide grants for local residents struggling to pay for heat/hydro. She forecasts in the coming year there will be greater need for assistance due to rising food costs and lower incomes because of COVID-19. /DARREN LUM Staff

From Sir Sam's to Indianapolis

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Dalton Kellett is gearing up for his NTT IndyCar Series racing debut this weekend at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway (IMS) from July 3 to 4 at the GMR Grand Prix.

He'll be piloting the No. 14 K-Line Insulators USA Chevrolet in the top open-wheeled North American racing series for A.J. Foyt racing.

Dalton, who spent many of his childhood summers at the "Kellett compound" at Mountain Lake, received an education in the arts through regular summer study at the Haliburton School of Art + Design (then called Haliburton School of the Arts) as a child and then learned the value of a dollar by instructing at Sir Sam's in the winter where he earned his first paycheque as a teen. His mother Cinde and father Mark are proud of their

son for his success in academics and driving achieve-

"Under normal circumstances, performing at the Indy-Car level takes a great deal of hard work and commitment. And, like other professional athletes whose normal training routines have been interrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic, Dalton has had to persevere, training even harder and making important adjustments to ensure that he remains in peak condition leading up to his debut on July 4 at the IMS Speedway in Indianapolis," Cinde wrote in an email. "Like his grandfather Glenn [Kellett] who took a chance and chased his dreams in the business world, we are so proud of our son for the commitment

and dedication he's shown and continues to show in fulfilling his own dreams in pro sports. Mark and I will be watching him and cheering him on with other family members.

Glenn Kellett had a residence on Mountain Lake in Minden and founded the K-Line group of companies with one truck, which has grown to include a fleet of vehicles and several hundred employees.

Dalton Kellett moved up from the Indy Lights Series where he earned three podium finishes at IMS.

He didn't just make a dream come true, but also did it while pursuing excellence in post-secondary education. He is a graduate of Queen's University with a bachelor of science in engineering physics. In an interview, he said his education allows him to communicate more thoroughly with the team's engineers. Communication is even more important at the IndyCar level due to the greater technological complexity of the machinery relative to lower tiers of racing.

His Nana and widow of Glenn, Juanita Kellett said there is a part of her husband within her grandson.

"I am very proud of my grandson Dalton and his achievements. I marvelled at his ability to stay focused in his studies at Queen's University while racing, as well. Dalton is a humble boy, who is dedicated to his profession and those around him, very much like his grandfather Glenn Kellett. I wish him all the very best in the future and I will be watching from my home in London, Ontario," she wrote in an email.

As much of the world was shutdown for COVID-19, the IndyCar rookie was busy preparing for the season by training physically and mentally, including spending

It's a big moment for any driver and I'm very excited to represent Canada, represent my partners, and the legendary A.J. Foyt Racing team

Dalton Kellett

an inordinate amount of time on the driving simulator. He had been scheduled to debut on April 26 at Circuit of Americas, but due to the pandemic was delayed by another 10 weeks.

Dalton is planning on driving in the iconic Indianapolis 500 oval race and scheduled to race at Road America, Mid-Ohio, Laguna Seca and IMS this fall.

The young Canadian who lives in Indianapolis is excited about the opportunity to race for the first time in

"It's a big moment for any driver and I'm very excited to represent Canada, represent my partners, and the legendary A.J. Foyt Racing team. Like I said, I can't wait to go racing," he said during an interview while on Off the



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Fine day for Frisbee

Mitch Pynn throws his Frisbee toward the basket during a round of disc golf on Monday, June 15 at Head Lake Park in Haliburton. Pynn was playing the game with Lauren Chisholm, both of whom are living in the Highlands for the spring and summer./DARREN LUM Staff



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Donations put a spell on the Enchanted Forest

JENN WATT

Editor

The Bog Bakery and Café now has a wooden play kitchen, cutlery, and a bread box. The Theatre in the Woods is equipped with 16 puppets, two crowns, several hats and a costume fit for a knight. Harmony Hollow is ready for play, with a wooden checkerboard, game box,

tic-tac-toe painted rocks, and alphabet blocks.

Donations have rolled in steadily to enhance the Enchanted Forest at Abbey Gardens, a children's outdoor play area that was vandalized last year. The Haliburton and District Lions Club has played a central role in gathering items from the kids' wish list, using donations to purchase others.

On June 26, a group of Lions volunteers gathered at the Forest to deliver the items, giving thanks to Emmerson Lumber for use of their truck.

"A huge thank you to the Lions for taking on two of the play areas and making them complete," said Heather Reid, operations director at Abbey Gardens.

"I'm so grateful you took our project on," Irene Heaven, education co-ordinator at Abbey Gardens told the Lions.

The revamp has also benefited from a \$5,000 donation from the fundraising group 100 Women Who Care, and from many individual donations.

Abbey Gardens is currently waiting for the provincial go-ahead to open playgrounds before it reopens the Enchanted Forest.

More items are still needed: costumes, plastic tools and gardening equipment suitable for children, and milk crates. You can visit the Lions' blog at https://www.haliburtonlions.com/lionism-in-the-news to see a full list of items to donate.



The Haliburton and District Lions Club has been collecting donations for the Enchanted Forest at Abbey Gardens. The children's play area was vandalized last year and in the last month the Lions have been collecting donations to get it ready for kids to enjoy once again. From left, Lions Betty and David Mills, Gerald and Tina Hadley, Gail and Peter Stelter, Abbey Gardens staff Heather Reid and Irene Heaven, and Lions Brad Tait and Marilyn Frost. /JENN WATT Staff

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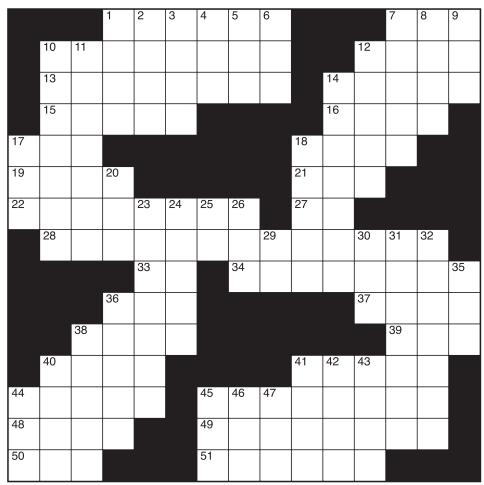
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Staying connected

Myrna McBrien sits on the ground with her laptop, using the Wi-Fi service outside the Dysart library branch on Thursday, June 25 in Haliburton. Other Wi-Fi locations include the A.J. LaRue Arena and Head Lake Park. See a listing of Wi-Fi hotspots throughout Haliburton County at www.dysartetal. ca/14766. /DARREN LUM Staff

Crossword brought to you by





- **CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. African nation
- 10. Not arranged according to size
- 12. A demand for a show of hands in a card game
- 13. Having a play of lustrous rainbowlike colors
 - 14. Panama has one
 - 15. Taking legal action
 - 16. Top of the body 17. Part of (abbr.)
 - 18. Soul and calypso song
 - 19. Murres
 - 21. Irish river
 - 22. Accepts as true
 - 27. The Bay State
 - 28. 1950s Hollywood icon
 - 33. Blood type
 - 34. In a way, became lost
 - 36. Large primate
 - 37. A spongelike cake leavened with yeast
- 38. Mama ___, tolk singer
- 39. Visual metaphor (computers)
- 40. Trim by cutting
- 41. Small group of people
- 44. Pulitzer-winning scientist
- 45. Unique S. American mammal
- 48. Energy, style and enthusiasm
- 49. One who works for you
- 50. Snakelike fish
- 51. Consumers

CLUES DOWN 1. Cylindrical sacs

- 2. Extinct North Germanic language
- 3. Late rocker Allman
- 4. Word element meaning ear
- 5. Amino acid (abbr.)
- 6. Promotions
- 7. Actress Lathan
- 8. Clothed
- 9. Unwell
- 10. Loosen
- 11. Cephalopod mollusks
- __ at Obdurata: Harmful papal bull
- 14. Musical composition
- 17. Irish bar
- 18. Greek island
- 20. Afflict
- 23. Goes by
- 24. Ambience
- 25. Video game manufacturer
- 26. Surplus Marketing Administration
- 29. Football position
- 30. Electronic musical style (abbr.)
- 31. Furniture with open shelves
- 32. Clouds of gas in outer space
- 36. Packers' signal caller

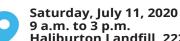
35. Indian midwife

- 38. Secret political clique
- 40. Cry weakly
- 41. Gomer ___, marine
- 42. Academic Bill of Rights
- 43. Negatives
- 44. Hip hop icon Kool Moe ___

Answers on page 31



Household Hazardous Waste Day



Haliburton Landfill, 222 Industrial Park Road, Haliburton

Municipality of Dysart et al Landfill user cards must be shown at the gate.

To comply with COVID-19 safety protocols, you will not be permitted to exit your vehicle at the hazardous waste drop off location. Event staff will unload your hazardous waste for you.





solvents

(varsol, paint

thinners, etc.)



fluids





















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insecticides



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Propane











Used chemicals



Industrial waste • Needles, Syringes Lancets (Sharps) • PCBs • Radioactives • Pathological waste

Dysart's upcoming Household Hazardous Waste Days Saturday, August 15, 2020 (9 a.m. to 12 noon) at Harcourt Landfill Saturday, September 19, 2020 (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.) at West Guilford Landfill











Lifesaving gear can only help if you use it

With summer now in full swing, the Ontario Provincial Police is sharing child wears a helmet every time they ride important facts and data about safety equipment that saves lives and reduces injuries on and off the road.

A PFD close by is not close enough

A personal floatation device is inarguably the most under-utilized piece of safety equipment in seasonal outdoor recreation. More than 80 per cent of people who die on OPP-patrolled waterways are found not wearing a PFD.

It does not suffice to have a PFD close by. With falling overboard and capsized vessels leading causes in boating deaths, the only safe PFD is the one you are wearing. Seven of the eight boating fatality victims this year were found not wearing a PFD. Half of the victims were in canoes an important reminder that paddlers are at risk as much as other boaters.

Use your head, wear your helmet

Of the six fatal off-road vehicle (ORV) incidents investigated by the OPP this year, three of the deceased were found not wearing a helmet. With losing control being a top contributing factor in ORV fatalities, wearing a helmet can provide crucial protection if you crash, tip over or fall off your ORV.

A helmet is equally important for cyclists. Every cyclist under the age of 18 must wear an approved helmet. For youths and children under 16 years of age,

their bicycle.

The many ways a seat belt keeps you

Lack of seat belt use has been linked to 20 OPP-investigated road fatalities so far this year. Drivers and passengers are reminded that preventing ejection is not the only way a seat belt can save your life during a collision.

A seat belt holds you in the position where you receive the greatest benefit from your airbag. Wearing a seat belt also reduces the risk that you'll be thrown around in the vehicle and injure yourself by colliding with hard objects. You also risk colliding with other occupants and endangering their lives, even those who did do the right thing by buckling up.

During Canada Day Week (June 27 -July 5), the OPP is conducting a traffic safety campaign aimed at ensuring people using our roads, waterways and trails are making full use of lifesaving equipment and keeping themselves safe through other positive behaviours.

Throughout the campaign, the OPP will also target alcohol/drug-impaired drivers, inattentive and aggressive drivers on and off the road throughout the prov-

Submitted by Haliburton Highlands OPP

Lily Ann to reopen

Following a months-long closure as a precaution against the spread of COVID-19, Haliburton's Lily Ann Thrift Store planned its reopening for June 29. Four customers will be admitted at a time. Donations can be made by appointment only. Call 705-457-3331 to book a time. **DARREN LUM Staff**





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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING **COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT**

• DATE: Wednesday, July 15th 2020

• TIME: 11:00 am.

• LOCATION: The Committee of Adjustment will be held as an electronic

meeting only. The meeting will be recorded through the conferencing

application and live streamed to YouTube.

APPLICATIONS:

- 1. D13-MV-2020-005 -Blair & LaFontaine
 - The following variances are requested to legalize the location of a dwelling and to permit the construction of an addition to the dwelling on a lot in the WR3L zone:
 - (a) A decrease to the provisions of Section 5.2 to permit a seasonal dwelling to have a minimum water set back of 28 metres (92 ft) as opposed to the required minimum of 30 metres (98.43 feet).
 - (b) A variance to permit a seasonal dwelling to have minimum street setback of 6 metres (20 feet) as opposed to the required minimum of 7.5 metres (24.61 feet).
 - Location: Part Lot 8, Concession 4, Parts 4 to 6, Plan 19R-7597, in the Geographic Township of Havelock, in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton (1128 Minnow Dr - Paddy's Bay).
- 2. D13-MV-2020-006 Simcox
- The following variances are requested to legalize the location of a seasonal dwelling, add an addition (sunroom) and to permit construction of a deck on a lot in the WR4L
 - (a) A decrease to the provisions of Section 5.2 to permit a seasonal dwelling to have a minimum water setback of 17.7 metres (58 feet) as opposed to the required minimum of 20 metres (65.62 feet);
 - (b) An increase to the provisions of Section 3.7(a) to permit an attached deck to extend 5.5 metres (18.04 feet) into the minimum water setback as opposed to the required maximum of 3 metres (9.84 feet).
- Location: Part Lot 21, Concession 9 & 10, Part 7 & 8, RP 19R4832, Part 6, RP 19R5539, Redstone Lake, in the Geographic Township of Guilford, in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton (1315 Picadilly Bay Lane -Redstone Lake).
- 3. D-13-MV-2020-008- Dysart et al Township
 - The following variances are requested to build an accessory building (Rotary Visitor Centre) within the minimum rear lot line setback and street setback on a lot in the OS
 - (a) A decrease to the provisions of Section 10.2 to permit an accessory building to have a minimum rear lot line set back of 3.5 metres (11.48 ft) as opposed to the required minimum of 7.5 metres (24.60 feet).
 - (b) A variance to permit an accessory building to have minimum street setback of 12.5 metres (41.01 feet) as opposed to the required setback of 17.5 m (57.41
- Location: Part Lots 14 to 16, Concession 8, Plan 1 Block L and P, Part Lots 2 to 6, Part Lots 8 to 12, Part George St Road Allowance, in the Geographic Township of Dysart, in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton (78 Maple Ave-

Due to the Covid-19 Emergency, Council passed By-law 2020-44 that amends the Committee of Adjustment of the Municipality of Dysart et al's Procedural By-Law to permit electronic participation in meetings. There will not be an in-person meeting: this meeting will be conducted in an electronic format only.

For more information about electronic meetings and public participation in an electronic meeting, contact the Secretary-Treasurer at jiles@dysarteral.ca .

ANY PERSON is entitled to attend the hearing to express his/her views about these applications or may be represented by an agent for that purpose. If you do not attend the hearing the Committee may proceed in your absence and you will not be entitled to any further notice of the proceedings. The Committee will accept oral and written submissions. A copy of the decision will be sent to the applicant, the agent and to each person who has filed with the Secretary Treasurer a written request for notice of the decision.

FURTHER INFORMATION: including specific information about the zone provisions affected by each application, and electronic meeting process is available from the Planning and Land Information Department at the Municipal Office by appointment only (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

Jeff Iles

Secretary-Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment

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Stay safe on the beach

Residents are being reminded that it's not business as usual if they head out to enjoy the sun, sand and surf this summer.

Last week, the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit began its water testing program in Haliburton County. Local residents and visitors are reminded that it's important to take steps to remain safe, both in and out of the water.

"It's not just E.coli and other bacteria in the water we need to watch for, but also potential exposure to COVID-19," says Bernie Mayer, health protection manager with the HKPR District Health Unit. "We can still enjoy a day at the beach, as it's great for our wellbeing to be active and outdoors. The key thing is to know before you go what's needed to stay safe."

Prevention starts by checking with the health unit to see if a beach is safe for swimming. Between now and Labour Day, the health unit will test local beaches for E.coli levels in the water. Results will be updated every Thursday/Friday on the health unit website (www.hkpr. on.ca). Warning signs are posted at local beaches as well to indicate to users if the water is safe. Information is also available by calling 1-866-888-4577, ext. 5006.

This year, the health unit is moving to a three-colour system of reporting beach results:

• Green means a beach is open/safe for swimming.

 Yellow is a warning that high counts of bacteria may be present in the water and swimming is not advised at this time as it may lead to illness. If people choose to swim, they should avoid dunking their heads or swallowing water.

Red means a beach is closed due to high levels of

bacteria that make it unsafe for swimming.

Mayer also encourages people to check with their local municipality about the status of beaches beforehand. Some may be closed this summer due to the pandemic. Others may have COVID-19 restrictions in place such as limits on the number of vehicles or beachgoers allowed on the beach in order to maintain physical distancing.

"Be patient and follow directions on signs or from municipal staff present at the beach," Mayer says. "If you arrive at a beach and find it's crowded making it difficult to stay two metres (six feet) apart, have a backup plan to do another fun activity."

The health unit also offers these additional prevention tips on beach use during COVID-19:

- Stay home if you or any member of your family is Visit a beach closer to your home to reduce travel
- and the risk of spreading the virus elsewhere. Bring hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes to use at
- the beach, especially if soap and water are unavailable. • Use items like tents, umbrellas, blankets, pool noo-
- dles or hula hoops to help keep your distance from others on the beach. These items can be especially good visual reminders for children.
- Avoid swallowing water, spitting or spouting while

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Midnight Madness cancelled for 2020

sale Midnight Madness is cancelled for 2020, to help maintain a safe shopping experience during the coronavirus pandemic.

The event, which has been a summer staple since the 1980s, will be taking a hiatus this year, and back again in 2021

"It was a difficult decision to postpone such a popular event, but health and safety is our first priority," said David Zilstra, publisher of the *Haliburton County Echo*, which runs the event with support

"We want to encourage people to continue to support local businesses, which are modifying their operations to ensure COVID-19 protocols are being observed."

The Haliburton Echo's subscription deal, typically offered on the night of Midnight Madness will be offered this year as usual, but subscriptions will be taken over the phone. Keep an eye on the pages of this paper in the weeks to come for details.



Have a thought, comment or opinion you'd like to share?

Send a letter to the editor to jenn@haliburtonpress.com



Repaying leads to delays in Haliburton

Dozens of cars wait along Highland Street as the road was reduced to one lane for repaving east of County Road 1 to west of Cedar Avenue on Thursday late-afternoon in Haliburton. There were lines of cars backed up on York Street and Highland Street in the opposite direction. The lane reduction lasted close to two hours, and had some drivers waiting for almost 25 minutes. Traffic delays continued as work resumed on Monday, June 27.

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Catching some time together

Dave Clayton checks the line on his two-year-old daughter Audrey's fishing rod on Thursday, June 25 at the town docks in Haliburton. The Claytons were visiting Audrey's grandparents, who live in Haliburton./ DARREN LUM Staff



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William Brown

(Resident of Minden, Ontario)

Peacefully at Hyland Crest LTC in Minden on Tuesday morning, June 23, 2020 in his 77th year. Beloved son of the late Orval and Muriel Brown (nee Parish). Cherished brother of Janice, Barry (Lorraine), Heather, Sherry, Blair (Angelica), and Leanne

(Patrick). Predeceased by his brother Robert "Bob". Also lovingly remembered and adored by his many nieces and nephews: Trevor, Jennifer, Jacob, Nathan, Emily, Hannah, Brian, Michael, Stacey, Matthew, Holly, and Dawson.

Bill dedicated his life to creating. He was a gifted writer, philosopher, poet, composer, teacher, scientist, and life-long learner. His greatest joy came from helping others, whenever it was in his power to do so. This not only included other humans, but creatures great and small. His life was a testimony to love.

The family would like to extend its deepest appreciation for the kindness and compassion shown to Bill in his final days at Hyland Crest.

Visitation & Private Funeral Service

Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time. We invite you to check back with us later. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Toronto Zoo, or the Ontario SPCA, would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.

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In Loving Memory of

Bob (Robert) Woodcock

Passed away peacefully at home in Haliburton surrounded by his family on Tuesday, June 23, 2020, at the age of 68.

Beloved husband and best friend to Robin (nee Stamp). Dear father and best friend to Alana and Dave, Nathan and Megan. Loving Poppa to Audrey and his namesake Bobby. Son of the late Neale and

Mary. Dear brother of Julie and Larry, brother-in-law of Brenda and Roger, uncle to Colin, Jamie, Crystal, Curtis and families.

A Private Family Graveside Service will be held at Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton on Monday, June 29. 2020. A Celebration of Bob's Life will take place at a later date.

Memorial Donations to the Cure PSP nonprofit organization for its renowned research in support for people with Corticobasal Degeneration would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral

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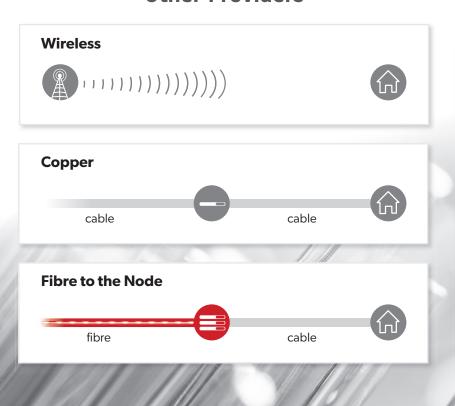


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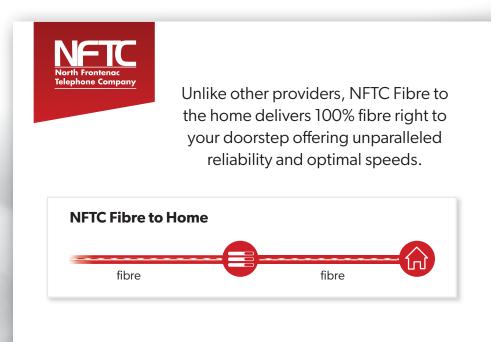
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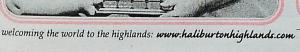


Let the Highland Games begin!











Scenes from this year's Highland Games at Head Lake Park in Hallburron, clockwise from top: The massed bands give a rousing end to a full day of activities; Cheri Rivard of Minden, at right, competes in the Sword Dance competition by the lake; a young boy does the limbo at the Camp Wanakita games area; organizer Jane Rosenberg presents heavy events champion Harry MacDonald with the trophy (for the eighth time) before he flies off to Finland to represent Canada in the world championship; a young dancer practises; and a young mother watches her husband chop the wood they'll need at the Military Re-eanactment Society of Canada's camp site. More photos next page

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Spruce Lake

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